

Greetings to the “Best Bread Ministry Team,”

Here's a story from James Bender, in his book How to Talk Well , that can inspire us to share our best. It's the story of a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with the neighbors.

“How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?” the reporter asked.

“Why sir,” the farmer said, “didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn.”

He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves.

So it is in other dimensions. Those who choose to be at peace must help their neighbor's be at peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of life is measured by the lives it touches. The lesson for each of us is this: If we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

Let's share the Good News we've heard with our neighbors and guests. Continue bringing those loaves of bread to our visitors; knowing that good things will happen when we reach out to others. (P.S. - Maybe we should be delivering “corn” bread.)

BREAD MINISTRY

DATE	9:00 a.m.	
May 30	Teri & Jere Johnson 423-5252	
June 6	John & Rauni Vruwink 424-3526	
June 13	Tim & Sara Blokhuis 423-2492	
June 20	Mick & Lonnie Cole 423-0348	
June 27	Chris & Lisa Peplinski 421-4605	
July 4	John Harper 712-0183 and Dick Skibba 421-1477	
July 11	Dave & Connie Posey 424-5384	
July 18	Suzi Bergeron 423-3772 and Kathy Bohman 213-2498	
July 25	Russ & Brenda Bambenek 421-0025	
August 1	Randy & Jeanette Oleson 424-5268	
August 8	Steve & Jeanne Grant 325-6226	
August 15	Patti Nelles 421-2950 and Carol Farber 325-2163	
August 22	Teri & Jere Johnson 423-5252	
August 29	Heidi Dobbs 887-3791 and John Harper 712-0183	
September 5	Dick & Noreen Bartosh 421-2198	
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
September 12	Mick & Lonnie Cole 423-0348	Tim & Sara Blokhuis 423-2492
September 19	Pat & Terry Brott 325-5973	Ron & Margaret Grundeen 424-3482
September 26	Dick Skibba 421-1477	Fred & Lisa Ladwig 323-1324

If a Sunday is overwhelming with deliveries please ask another member to help you deliver.

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BREAD PATROL PROCEDURE

After Worship:

- Tear out slips from the Welcome Books
- Leave the Welcome Books in the Sanctuary
- Bring the slips to the Work Room
- Find the First Time Visitors by checking the name of all visitors against the names of past visitors in the spiral notebook.
- Write in the names of all new visitors. Include address & phone number.
- Put down your name as the Bread Patrol Volunteer and today's date.

Delivering Bread:

- Place the bread in a plastic bag with one of the "Thank You For Breaking Bread With Us" cards.
- Make this personal by writing on it something like... "There is a place here for you at Grace" or... "I hope you feel welcome here at Grace."
- For your own use, write down the names and addresses of the visitors. (A map and telephone directory are in the Bread Patrol box.)
- Leave the original slips from the Welcome Books on Tammy's desk.
- Put all the Bread Patrol materials back before you leave.
- Finally, go to the visitor's home and hang the bag of bread on the door. This will be a nice surprise for them when they return home.

Note: Do not leave any bread at the Church. If there are more loaves of bread than there are visitors, then split it up with patrol members or find someone else at Church and give the bread to them.

WHAT TO SAY AT THE DOOR:

What if they catch you at their door? Keep the conversations short. Say something like....

"Hi. I'm John from Grace Lutheran Church and I'm just dropping off this package as a way to say thanks for your visit to Grace today. Hope we see you again."

If they invite you in, just say, *"Thanks, but I don't want to interrupt your day."*

If they have questions, answer them. If you can't answer their questions, offer to have Pastor Kent give them a call.

***Thanks for being a member of Grace's Bread Patrol.
Your efforts to make people feel welcome at Grace do make a difference!***

Any questions – call Hal Bergeson at 421-1271